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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 15, 1980

NLC Review Completed.

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: NORTH-SOUTH (FUNK) *PK*

SUBJECT: Evening Report (U)

DIA review(s) completed.

Activities

Talked to P. Nieuwenhuys, First Secretary, Belgian Embassy, about Zaire. The GOB view remains that Mobutu continues to respond well to pressures for reform, and that with luck we may begin to see some real progress on economic reform. (C)

Talked to Sean Cleary, South African Embassy. On Rhodesia he says SAG thinks the odds good that it will muddle through to a reasonable stable coalition government. On Namibia, he says SAG thinks an honest election would give a 40-40 split to SWAPO-DTA, - which would be acceptable to SAG, - but that they really do not trust the UN to run a fair election. (S)

Talked to Martin Moreland, UK Embassy, who just wants to assure us that they are sensitive to charges of tilting by allowing SAG troops to remain, and trying to reassure ZANU of their commitment to fair elections (C)

Took a look at Angolan and Zambian positions on Afghanistan, and sent separate memos to you. (C)

Press Contacts: None

Intelligence

Rhodesia/Nyerere. We received a letter from Nyerere this afternoon detailing his view of UK perfidy. He has apparently sent a similar ("tedious and tendentious") message to Mrs. Thatcher, and has publicly called the British liars and cheats. A very close associate of Nyerere has said to our ambassador that he wishes Nyerere "had never involved himself in this latest mess. He's just too tired." Comment. Amen, and our response should be deliberate and measured, and short. (C)

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25X1 [redacted]. The future of the private army is unclear, and the potential for further instability is limited only by the presence of the Tanzanian Army. [redacted] (DIA, State)

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